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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement						
Box No. VI Certain documents cited						
Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application						
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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement				
1. Statement				
Novelty (N)	Claims	1-9	YES	
	Claims		МО	
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	1-9	YES	
	Claims		МО	
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-9	YES	
	Claims		NO	

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

Document 1: US, 5234516, A (Toyo Kohan Co., Ltd.), 10 August, 1993, Column 6, line 38 to column 7, line 25, Example 2

Document 2: JP, 5-200961, A (Toyo Kohan Co., Ltd.), 10 August, 1993, paragraphs 0015, 0017 and 0027

Document 3: WO, 1994/021457, A1 (Carnaudmetalbox Plc), 29 September, 1994

Document 4: EP, 796721, A1 (Toyo Kohan Co., Ltd.), 24 September, 1997

Document 5: JP, 63-231926, A (Nippon Steel Group), 28 September, 1988 (Family: none)

Document 6: WO, 1989/003302, A1 (MB Group Plc), 20 April, 1989

Document 7: EP, 1086808, A2 (NKK Corporation), 28 March, 2001

#### Claims 1-9

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The inventions of claims 1-9 appear to possess novelty and involve an inventive step with respect to documents 1-7 cited in the ISR.

The laminated metal sheet described in document 2, as with the invention described in claim 1, is manufactured by laminating both sides of a metal sheet at the same time, without winding two types of film having different melting points on a laminate roll.

However, the formula in the invention of claim 1 is not described in any of documents 1-7 and would not be obvious to a person skilled in the art.



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#### From the INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

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NOTICE INFORMING THE APPLICANT OF THE COMMUNICATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION TO THE DESIGNATED OFFICES

(PCT Rule 47.1(c), first sentence)

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1. Notice is hereby given that the International Bureau has communicated, as provided in Article 20, the international application to the following designated Offices on the date indicated above as the date of mailing of this notice:

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In accordance with Rule 47.1(c), third sentence, those Offices will accept the present notice as conclusive evidence that the communication of the international application has duly taken place on the date of mailing indicated above and no copy of the international application is required to be furnished by the applicant to the designated Office(s).

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- Enclosed with this notice is a copy of the international application as published by the International Bureau on 24 February 2005 (24.02.2005) under No. WO 2005/016631
- 4. TIME LIMITS for filing a demand for international preliminary examination and for entry into the national phase

The applicable time limit for entering the national phase will, subject to what is said in the following paragraph, be 30 MONTHS from the priority date, not only in respect of any elected Office if a demand for international preliminary examination is filed before the expiration of 19 months from the priority date, but also in respect of any designated Office, in the absence of filing of such demand, where Article 22(1) as modified with effect from 1 April 2002 applies in respect of that designated Office. For further details, see *PCT Gazette* No. 44/2001 of 1 November 2001, pages 19926, 19932 and 19934, as well as the *PCT Newsletter*, October and November 2001 and February 2002 issues.

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It is the applicant's sole responsibility to monitor all these time limits.

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